

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Appln. of:	Andreas Ackerman, et al.	
Appln. No.:	10/539,908	Examiner: Tima Michele McGuthry Banks
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For:	COVERING MATERIAL FOR A TOP SLAG, METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION THEREOF AND USE OF THE COVERING MATERIAL	
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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

In response to the Office Action mailed April 15, 2008, Applicants respectfully provide this Paper comprising the following parts:

- I. **Listing of Claims**, beginning on page 2; and
- II. **Remarks**, beginning on page 8.

Applicants note that the Transmittal to which this Paper is attached includes a Certificate under 37 C.F.R §1.8; and a fee statement calculating any fee(s) presently due in connection with the filing of this paper, along with an authorization to charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.